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Port Almanac—Dec. 8

Sun Rises	6 57 A M
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Day's Length	9 h 49 m
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The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 7.

Temperature, 8 a. m., 39°; 8 p. m., 48°. maximum, 59°; minimum, 36°; mean, 48°; Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .19.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

The barometer is above the normal over the East and South, and below over the Northwest. Fair, warmer weather prevails, except cloudiness and light local snow or rain over the Middle States during the day.

Local forecast to 12 midnight, Wednesday—Fair; warmer; southerly winds.

Stage of river at Fayetteville at 8 a. m. 5.2 feet.

OUTLINES.

Senator Money, of Mississippi, yesterday presented his credentials and took the oath of office in the Senate; during the session 108 bills, many of which were private pension measures, were introduced. —— In the House there was a lively debate over the question of distributing the President's message to the several committees having jurisdiction of the various subjects treated upon. —— Jno. W. Sims, who committed suicide at San Francisco, left a note saying he had killed his wife at Caldwell, N. C., June 20 1895. —— Senator Davis will ask the Senate to-day to take up the Hawaiian annexation treaty. —— The Navy Department is experimenting with petroleum for fuel for small boats. —— Bills introduced in the Senate yesterday provide for the construction of dry docks at several places, a first class battleship and nine torpedo boats. —— Siegried Gruner, one of the largest operators in the New York cotton market died at Richmond, Va., while on his way North. —— The Inter State Commerce Commission will extend for two years the period within which railroads must comply with the law requiring cars to be equipped with safety appliances. —— The trouble between Germany and Hayti appears to be settled. —— The pension appropriation bill as agreed upon amounts to $141 218 830 —Judge Horace A Buck, of the Supreme Court of Montana, committed suicide. —— President McKinley arrived at Canton, Ohio, yesterday to find his mother still alive. —— The Chinese government says it will never consent to the Germans remaining at Kiao-Chou bay. —— One man killed and another wounded by a boiler explosion in the electric light plant at Portsmouth, Va. ——A French expedition on its way to the Nile has been massacred. —— Anti-semitic riots continue in Bohemia. —— The Spanish cabinet agree in considering President McKinley's message generally favorable to Spanish interests. —— No progress was made yesterday in the selection of a jury to try Luetgert. —— New York markets: Money on call easy at 1½@2 per cent, last loan 2 and closed offered at 1¾@2 per cent.; cotton dull—middling 5⅞c; flour firmly held but not actually higher; wheat—spot steady; No. 2 red 98c f. o. b. afloat; corn—spot steady, No. 2 33⅜c f. o. b. afloat; rosin steady; spirits turpentine firm.

A Maryland man accused of kissing a girl proved an alibi, and the girl was pretty, too. There are some funny men in Maryland.

The Georgia woman who printed a card of thanks "to all who assisted in the recent death of her husband," in her haste forgot to state whether they hanged or shot him.

The value of cotton seed products —oil, meal, oil cake, hulls, &c.—has increased from $741,000 in 1886 to $30,000,000 in 1896, and only a small proportion of the crop is thus utilized.

A Danish Countess has eloped with a Wisconsin man who got his education by doing chores in a Wisconsin College. She wanted to be sure of a fellow she could depend upon to light the fires in Winter.

The Pittsburg Aluminum Company which furnished the aluminum plates used in the construction of Maxim's air ship, say that he has the thing sure enough, and that he has solved the problem of aerial navigation.

It wasn't an Ohio man who recently resigned an office because he didn't think he could fill it. The Ohio man is large enough and numerous enough to fill anything in the shape of an office, or die trying.

The Emperor of China is talking "sassy" about the demands of Germany but when he does he blinks over his shoulder to see how Russia takes it, or whether there is much danger of his getting too "sassy."

Some thieves in Athens, Greece, played a mean trick on the Government. They broke into the post-office and stole a big collection of old stamps which the Government expected to sell to raise money to keep house.

An Elkton, Michigan, couple celebrated the other day the eighty-eighth aniversary of their marriage. The husband is 108 years old, the wife a year younger. Both are quite hale, but the lady can't see things quite as well as she did fifty years ago.

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A report comes from Birmingham, Ala., that the Indian Head Cotton Mills, just completed at Cordon, Ala., has made a deal for the sale of the entire output for five years for the Chinese trade. It will make sheetings and coarse cloths. The mill is owned by Boston capitalists, was built at a cost of $600,000, and will consume 10,000 bales of cotton annually.

They say a big combine composed of Miller Pillsbury, of Minneapolis, and others has been formed to put wheat up to $1.50 a bushel. This will be a sample of Pillsbury not "McKinley prosperity," but the farmers who have got rid of their wheat are not enthused much over it.

E Governor Hoard, of Wisconsin, said in an address recently that the trouble with this country is that it is long on politics and short on patriotism. We infer from this that the Wisconsin observer is not a gentleman that hoards his discoveries, but puts them in circulation.

Hon. Joseph Cannon, of Illinois, can't see any use in "snorting around and agitating the country." With Joe it depends a good deal on who does the snorting. Last year he and his chums were doing the snorting, and seemed to be in downright earnest and to enjoy it.

Mr. Brice, the Chicago gold maker, says all he does is to assist nature in making it. From all accounts he can give nature three in the game and beat her in the celerity of production. But old nature always did believe in going slow and taking her time.

The Colonial Dames of Delaware who paid a prize of $10 for an "original" historical essay, thought they were cheated when they learned that the original essay was cribbed entire from a history of Delaware. But they were not, for it was original to them.

The St. Joseph, Mo., man who is in prison for having thirteen wives is having a quiet time now.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

W. B. COOPER—Holiday goods.
R R BELLAMY—Complete stock
VOLLERS & HASHAGEN—Cigars.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

FOR SALE—Lettuce plants.
FOR SALE CHEAP—Peerless bicycle.
C. M. WHITLOCK—Chainless bicycle.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— The British steamer *Annandale*, hence for Liverpool, arrived out yesterday.

— A young cyclist, who is going to leave the city, offers a Peerless bike for sale cheap.

— A rosette party will be given to-night at the residence of Mr. Hurst, cor. of Fifteenth and Market streets.

— The outlook for a rattling game of foot ball on Christmas between the O. A. N. and A. C. L elevens is glorious.

— A quorum not being present yesterday afternoon the regular meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance was not held.

— The British steamship *Oceanic* was cleared yesterday by Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son for Liverpool, Eng., with a cargo of 9,348 bales of cotton, valued at $375 455.

— Theatre-goers of this city will not have the chance to enjoy a hearty laugh at the Opera House to morrow night, as "In Atlantic City," the attraction billed to appear at that time, has cancelled.

— Eyota Tribe No. 5, Improved Order of Red Men, will adopt seven pale faces at their wigwam to-night. The braves, after they have scalped the newly-adopted red men, will treat them to oysters and coffee.

— Messrs. Jos. H. Hinton and T. W. McBryde, of The Orton, and Mr. Charles M. McArthur went to the Hammocks yesterday a-fishing. They reported that the fish were biting furiously. Two fine specimens of the finny tribe graced their string on their return to the city.

— The first stroke of the fire alarm bell in the hook and ladder house instantly releases trips by which the two truck horses are fastened in their stalls and the horses at once run to their positions under harness without the guidance or command of any one. This trip is one patented by Chief Haney, of Atlanta, several years ago, and is remarkable for the loss of time it saves and for its simplicity. The trips were put in place yesterday.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. B. H. Woodell, of Raleigh, is in the city.

— Mr. A. Mosher, of Verona, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Samuel Kramer, of Durham, arrived last evening.

— Mr. R. E. L. Brown, of Chadbourn, was here yesterday.

— Mr. M. T. Williams, of Elm City, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mr. T. W. Andrews, of Charlotte, was among yesterday's arrivals.

— Messrs. J. C. Braswell and A. A. Thorp, of Rocky Mount, are here.

— Mr. D. Wirick, of Greensboro, was one of last evening's arrivals in the city.

— Mr. A. S. J. Thompson, of Greenville, S. C., was among yesterday's arrivals.

— Mr. J. W. Fry, General Manager of the C. F. & Y. V. railroad, and wife are in the city.

— Mr. Jas. Swann, of New York, who has been hunting at Orton, will leave to-day.

— Mr. Jacob Powell, of Long Creek, is in the city, calling on the wholesale merchants.

— Mr. Walker Meares, cotton buyer at Polloksville for Messrs. A. Sprunt & Son, is in the city.

— Messrs. R. M. Chatham and A. J. Click, of Elkin, were among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

— Mr. W. H. Chadbourn, chairman of the Board of Audit and Finance, the STAR regrets to learn is sick.

— Messrs. Gannon and Groom, of Charleston, boiler and hull inspectors, were here on their rounds yesterday.

— Miss Lula Helbig, of Lynchburg, Va., who has been visiting the family of Mr. J. H. W. Bonitz, will return home to day.

— Mr. W. P. Wemyss, of Fayetteville (who was Orderly Sergeant of the old "Independent" Company in 1861), called at the STAR office yesterday, where he found one of his old comrades to talk over war times with him. His visit was a very welcome one.

SCHOONER SILVER HEELS.

The Little Vessel Sailed from New York for Norfolk October 18 h, But Was Driven Off Her Course.

The schooner *Silver Heels* is at the Government wharf waiting for her cargo of coal to be unloaded. It was sold to Messrs J. A. Springer & Co., and used by that firm in performing its contract for furnishing coal for Government use. Capt. Quinlan says that he left New York October 18th for Norfolk, but was not able to make any port on account of unfavorable weather. The vessel cleared for Norfolk, her master explained, as he thought that he could get a better charter for the West Indies there than at any other port. But she was blown off and had to put in at Wilmington as a second choice. The captain's report agrees almost exactly with the record of the schooner's movements as given in the New York *Maritime Register*, which reports her as cleared from New York for Norfolk and the West Indies on October 17. Capt. Quinlan stated that he had never seen the report in a New York paper alleging that he passed out from New York harbor with rifles and cartridges for Cuba, chased by the U. S. revenue cutter *William E. Chandler*.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—833 bales cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 49 bbls rosin, 98 bbls tar, 4 bbls crude turpentine.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—1,441 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 90 bbls rosin, 68 bbls tar, 7 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—91 bales cotton, 23 casks spirits turpentine, 84 bbls rosin, 45 bbls tar, 23 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—350 bales cotton, 46 casks spirits turpentine, 83 bbls rosin, 28 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 2,705 bales; spirits turpentine, 88 casks; rosin, 311 bbls; tar, 170 bbls; crude turpentine, 34 bbls.

Officers Elected.

Carolina Lodge No. 434, Knights of Honor, elected the following officers last night for the year 1898:

Past Dictator—R. M. Wescott.
Dictator—G. N Harriss.
Vice Dictator—A. L. DeRosset.
Assistant Dictator—A. J. Howell.
Reporter—S. G. Hall.
Financial Reporter—T. O. Bunting.
Treasurer—J. L. Cantwell.
Chaplain—N. Jacobi.
Guide—R. C. Cantwell.
Inside Guardian—Calvin Reaves.
Sentinel—J. M. McGowan.
Trustees—N. Jacobi, R. C. Cantwell, Jno. D. Bellamy, Jr.

The above officers will be installed on the first meeting night in next month.

Surprise Party Complimentary to Miss Bertha Goodman.

Miss Bertha Goodman left last night for New York to spend the holidays. On Monday night at the residence of her father, Mr. Wm. Goodman, on Fifth street between Princess and Chesnut, a delightful combination surprise and whist party was given complimentary to her. About thirty young ladies and gentlemen were present. After the whist there was a delicious lunch served and then dancing until a late hour. The guests praised the hospitality of Mr. Goodman most highly.

— The STAR is glad to note that Prof. E. VanLaer is recovering from his recent illness.

W. L. I. AND NAVAL RESERVES.

Presentation of Prizes Won at the Competitive Shoot on Thanksgiving Day.

Last night about 9 o'clock the sailor lads the Naval Reserves, clad in spotless suits of white and appearing as phantoms through the darkness of the night, invaded the armory of the soldier boys, the W. L. I, who at the time, habited in their natty suits of blue, were drilling upon the spacious lawns in the rear of the building, and a war of sociability at once ensued, in which good fellowship was both right and might. While the war was waging Junior Lieutenant R. H McKoy, of the Naval Reserves boldly advanced to the front and with neat speech and in a happy manner presented to the Light Infantry a handsome solid silver cup, the trophy won by the rifle team of the W. L. I., in a competitive shoot with the rifle team of the Naval Reserves on Thanksgiving. Lieut. McKoy then presented a fine sterling silver ladle, won by Private W. A. Willson, Jr., who made the best individual score in the team shoot. Private J. H. Gore, Jr., accepted the prize won by the W. L. I. team in a nicely constructed speech, and Private John D. Bellamy, Jr. in a few well selected phrases, accepted the silver ladle for private Willson, who was absent.

At this stage of the battle Capt. A. L DeRosset, member of the reserve corps of the Light Infantry, made his appearance and in a brief address of eloquence presented to Private J. R. Windley and Private E. P. Willard a handsome silver loving cup and a neat silver match box, prizes won respectively by Privates Windley and Willard for the best and second best secores in the competitive shoot on Thanksgiving day between the members of the reserve corps and the active members of the Light Infantry. Lieut. R. H. Cowan, in an appropriate selection of words, interspersed with several witticisms, accepted the trophies for the two crack marksmen.

Next the order to "fall in" was given, and the two companies drilled out of the yard and then up and down Front street, making a splendid appearance.

The Light Infantry was under command of Capt. Don McRae, and the Reserves were commanded by Lieut. H. H. McIlhenny. The silver cup won by the Light Infantry rifle team will always remain in possession of its present owners, unless the rifle team of the Reserves win three out of four competitive shoots, arranged to take place.

Portraits of the Late Mr. D. G. Worth.

In connection with the movement of the Produce Exchange looking toward the providing of a portrait of the late Mr. D. G Worth to hang upon its walls it may be stated that the Y. M. C. A. is to have a portrait also, and such has been the intention of the officers all along. The Association feels as great a debt of gratitude to Mr. Worth as does any institution in the city. He always gave a liberal support to the Association in every phase of its work.

As the income of the Association will not permit of the expenditure necessary for this very commendable object, its friends in the city are asked to aid in raising the needed funds. Members of the Association, however, are particularly asked to lend their assistance.

Subscriptions may be handed to President Howell, Secretary Diggs, or any member of the Association.

Howard Relief F. E. Co. Will Keep Up Its Organization.

The Howard Relief Fire Engine Company held its regular monthly meeting on Monday night and after discussion decided to keep up the organization. The name will be retained and the affairs of the company will be conducted as formerly. Messrs. Jno. D. Oldenbuttel, J. G L. Gieschen and John Haar were appointed a committee to revise the constitution and by-laws in such a way as to make them conform to present requirements.

The following officers were re-elected and will be installed at the first meeting in January: President, Martin Rathjen; vice president, J. H. Duls; secretary and treasurer, J. G. L. Gieschen; foreman, H. F. Haar; first assistant, M. Schnibben; second assistant, H. D. Oldenbuttel.

Clarendon Lodge K. of P.

At a meeting of Clarendon Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias, held last night, the following officers were elected:

C. C.—W. A. Willson, Jr.
V. C.—J. P. Quelch.
Prelate—Ed. Borden.
M. of W.—M. C. S. Noble.
M. of F.—H. W. Collins.
M. of E.—J. D. Nutt.
K. of R. & S.—W. G. Farmer.
M. of A.—J. F. Littleton.
I. G.—Geo. Sloan.
O. G.—S. A. Swain.
Member of General Relief Committee.—J. D. Nutt.
Trustees—W. P. Oldham, J. F. Littleton and O. F. Fullyaw.

The above officers will be installed on the first Tuesday night in next month.

Prang's Holiday Publications

There has never been anything of the kind issued in this country superior to the annual holiday publications of L. Prang & Co., Boston, Mass. This year they surpass those of previous seasons. Many new features have been introduced. The calendars are sumptuous, the cards magnificent, and the art books and booklets superb. Messrs. Prang & Co. are justly proud of the thoroughly American character of their publications, all the designing, lithographing and printing being done in this country.

Hunting in Onslow.

A party of Northern people who have been hunting in Onslow county, were here yesterday returning home. Among them were Jno. H. Ireland, Charles E. and Frank Dingue and Samuel Strait, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and E. A. Gillespie, of Woodhouse, Long Island.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Various Matters Discussed at the Regular Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon.

At 8 30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Chamber of Commerce met in regular monthly session, President Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., presiding, with Col. Jno. L. Cantwell secretary.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of one special meeting held during the month of November were read and approved.

Mr. Thos. F. Simmons, superintendent of the Inter State Telephone and Telegraph Company for the Eastern Division of North and South Carolina, Mr. Jno. W. Gifford, of the *Dispatch*, and Mr. Z W. Whitehead, of the *Southern Lumber and Milling Journal*, were elected members of the Chamber.

President Chadbourn stated that the officers of the Chamber were constantly in receipt of letters from different parties in search of information; that he had received a letter from the State Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Raleigh, inquiring if the Chamber thought it advisable for a department to be established in the college where pupils could receive instruction in the art of cotton manufacturing, and that he had referred the letter, to be answered, to Mr. Hugh McRae, who thought the idea a capital one.

Mr. Frank L Huggins, of the Park and Public Roads Committee, reported that he had seen Mr. Wm. H. Chadbourn about work being continued on the roadway of Nixon street, and that Mr. Chadbourn had informed him that work would be resumed as soon as the convicts finished picking cotton; and that he had also seen Col. F. W Foster, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, about the repairing of the road which leads out from Nixon street. About repairing the different roads approaching the Marine Hospital, Mr. Huggins stated that he and Mr. Wm. H. Chadbourn were going to get up a petition asking for the repairing, which is to be done by the United States government.

President Chadbourn stated that people had no idea of the amount of work that was being done in the city; that there was not a vacant house in the city.

A general discussion, which was of great interest, was then held about the great advantage of Wilmington and the surrounding country. Mr. Wm. E. Worth stated that the price of coal, used by manufacturers, per ton in New York city was from $3.65 to $3.71; Providence, R. I., $3.60; New Haven, Conn., $3.65, New London, Conn., $3.65; Willimantic, Conn., $3.70; while in Wilmington, landed, generally it was from $3.35 to $3.45 per long ton, by vessel, per cargo; by rail, delivered, it was from $3.35 to $3.40 per short ton.

Mr. Frank L. Huggins said he thought the city should be complimented on the rock road-beds made in the city, and that they should be requested to always use rock in the place of shell.

President Chadbourn stated that he thought it would be a good idea for the Chamber to have a supper about the first of next month, similar to the one given last Summer at Wrightsville beach, which was so thoroughly enjoyed and by which a great deal for the benefit of Wilmington was accomplished. President Chadbourn stated, also, that he thought it would be a good plan to request the committee which acted before to act this time if the Chamber thought the idea of having another supper a good one.

The idea as expressed by President Chadbourn met with the general approval of the meeting, and the committee, Messrs. Wm. E. Worth, R. N. Sweet and Marcus W. Jacobi, which acted before, were requested to make arrangements for a supper at the Orton House during the early part of next month and to invite two or three speakers to address the Chamber at that time and place.

Mr. Worth asked to be excused from serving on the committee and Mr. Frank L. Huggins was appointed in his place, and Mr. R. N. Sweet was appointed chairman of the committee.

Mr. T. F. Bagley stated that the meeting of the industrial agents to be held in this city had been postponed for a short time, owing to the sickness of Mr. John T. Patrick, Chief Industrial Agent of the Seaboard Air Line.

Mr. T. D. Meares suggested that it would be a good plan to have issued a small-sized book setting forth Wilmington's advantages, and have them distributed to the industrial agents when they meet here, and also to others.

The matter of issuing a book, setting forth the advantages of Wilmington and useful statistics, was referred to the Industrial and New Business Enterprise Committee, Col. Walker Taylor and Messrs. Wm. E. Worth and Marcus W. Jacobi, with a request that they collect the necessary data at once.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

John Utley's Assailant Got Away from the Police.

Officer Toomer, colored, gave Sam. Smith, the colored man wanted for striking John Utley, a young white man, with a board, a warm chase yesterday. He saw him on Seventh and Church streets and started to arrest him. Smith took to his heels and the officer gave chase. He fired his pistol in the air thinking that the fugitive would become frightened and stop. But the effect was only to make him quicken his gait. The officer did not give up the chase until he had run Smith into cover of the woods in the southern part of the city.

Young Utley's injuries consist of a gash, an inch and a half long, above and under his left eye. He will be compelled to remain at the City Hospital for several days.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT.

The Doll's Bazar by the Young People's Organ Fund Society of Grace M. E. Church.

The entertainment given last night at the City Hall by the Young People's Organ Fund Society of Grace M E Church was pleasing, rare and artistic Pleasing, because it was a source of great enjoyment to those present; rare, because it afforded an opportunity to purchase choice and beautiful Christmas presents for mother, father, sweetheart, child or any loved one; and artistic, because the decorations were pretty and tasteful and the programme of spectacular features and music splendid.

The entertainment was called a "Doll's Bazaar," and occupied the spacious hall in the second story of the City Hall. The booths were artistically constructed and presented a charming picture. The doll booth was situated in the northern portion of the hall, and there could be found dolls of every variety and dressed in the most fashionable raiments, delighting the little ones and furnishing a picturesque sight to all. One of the most attractive features at this booth was the doll wedding, the groom, the bride and six bridesmaids, all dressed stylishly. Upon each side of the hall was the fancy work, art, doll wardrobe, salad and cake booths all arranged admirably.

The display at the fancy work and art departments was magnificent, enrapturing the lookers on. Ice cream and refreshments of a like nature were dispensed from a neat department at the south end of the hall. The candy department, from where, too, mysterious packages could be purchased, was situated in the gallery of the hall, and was constantly attended by the little ones.

During the early part of the evening a most pleasing programme of music was rendered by a superb orchestra, and a short, excellent spectacular entertainment presented upon a large and prettily festooned stage erected at the southern end of the hall. This portion of the evening's entertainment opened with an overture ("Eagle's Nest") by the orchestra, followed by the selection, "Black America" (two step) Both pieces were superbly rendered and received hearty applause.

Upon the stage was then revealed a picture rare and beautiful; carpenters, coopers and blacksmiths busily plying their trade and singing the "Anvil Chorus," accompanied by the orchestra. Grouped around the stage were eighteen pretty young ladies costumed to represent Gypsy maidens, and during an intermission executed a most skilful and graceful tambourine drill. This part of the entertainment was a grand success and reflects much credit upon each of the participants, who were as follows:

Messrs. A. S. Holden and John H. Davis as the two blacksmiths, Messrs. R. B. Clowe and Alex. McGeachy as two coopers, and Messrs. Frank Westbrook and Neill McGeachy as two carpenters.

Gypsy Maidens—Misses Henry Shepard, Ellie White, Lillie Walker, Dora Hopkins, Amy Merritt, Daisy Woodbury, Daisy King, Louise King, Hattie Orrell, Georgie Orrell, Ethel Barnes, Nora Scott, Daisy Newbury, Nettie Davis, Lilly Bell McLaurin, Blanche Chadwick, Mary Whitney and Lillian Breckinridge.

Orchestra—Miss Fannie Corbett, piano; Miss Norma Foster, Miss Alice Smallbones and Mr. Mason Burr, violins; Miss Bessie Burt, violincello; Mr. James Wilson, first cornet; Mr. Albert Dosher, second cornet.

The ladies who so charmingly and obligingly presided at the different booths were as follows, viz:

Fancy Department—Mrs. E. G. Parmele (chairman), Mrs. J. D. Nutt, Mrs. H. M. Foard, Mrs. Charles D. Foard, Mrs. DeWitt C. Love and Miss Maggie Bagg.

Doll Department—Mrs. C. C. Covington (chairman), Mrs. Luther Blue and Miss Lura Wheeler.

Doll Wardrobe Department No. 1—Mrs. W. E. Perdew (chairman), and Miss Lula King.

Doll Wardrobe Department No 2—Mrs. J. D. Kelly.

Art Department—Miss Fannie Corbett (chairman), Mrs. W. D. C. Richardson, Miss Mamie Gibbons, Miss Bessie Fullyaw, Miss Bennie Bagg, Miss Henrietta Shepard and Miss Blanche Fentress.

Salad Department—Mrs. R A. Willis, Mrs. Collins and Miss M. A. West.

Ice Cream Department—Mrs. Wm. Hankins, Mrs. T. C. Craft and Mrs. W. W. Hodges.

The entertainment last night reflects credit upon the management, and especially upon Mrs. W. H. Shaw, who has worked so earnestly for the end reached, which is a grand artistic and financial success, and Mrs. Shaw deserves high praise for her labor of love.

To night and to-morrow night the entertainment will be repeated. The programme to night will be Tennyson's "A Dream of Fair Women." To-morrow night both entertainments of the two previous nights will be combined.

A. C. L. Athletic Association.

A meeting of the Atlantic Coast Line Athletic Association was held last night. The following officers were elected:

Manager—Champ McD. Davis.
Secretary and Treasurer—W. R. Taylor.
Captain—Jas. Sinclair.

Mr. Thos. W. Davis, who so successfully managed the association last year, declined a re-election as manager, and so that all 'round sport and jolly good fellow Champ McD. Davis was elected in his stead.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cent

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Do not forget that THE MORNING STAR is the cheapest daily of its class in North Carolina. Its price is $5.00, while the published price of others ranges from $7.00 to $8.00.

A Small Fire on Dock Street.

The paid fire department was called into service for the first time yesterday evening at 6 30 o'clock, when an alarm of fire was sent in from box 48, Front and Orange street, and the boys responded promptly and without a hitch of any kind. The fire was located in the third story of Mr. Dan Quinlivan's residence on Dock street, between Front and Second, in the drawer of a bureau, but the fire lads, with the use of several buckets of water, quickly suppressed the flames, and then with their outfit of brooms and shovels cleared away the debris, which luckily was not much. Loose matches and rats are blamed with causing the fire.

At the fire Foreman W. P. Monroe, of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, acted chief in the absence of Chief Haney, who was at supper.

Merry Minstrels in Trouble.

Fields & Hanson's Minstrels, which organization gave a decidedly sorry performance at the Opera House Monday night, forgot to settle their baggage bill with Mr. H. L Fennell and was about to leave the city yesterday morning without paying it, when Deputy Sheriff J. P. Flynn arrived on the scene with an attachment for $5 90, the amount of the baggage bill, and $4 30 court costs. It was only after a long and forcible argument and a ride of two miles, as far as the junction, on the C. F. & Y. V. railroad train bound for Fayetteville, that Deputy Flynn was able to obtain the amount called for in the attachment. So Deputy Flynn, though not from association, was the merry minstrel yesterday and not Messrs. Fields or Hanson.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES

Licensed to Carry on Business in North Carolina December 1st, 1897.

The list of Fire, Marine, Guaranty and Accident Insurance Companies, as licensed to do business in this State by the Secretary of State December 1st appeared in the STAR Sunday. It is supplemented this morning by the list of Life Insurance Companies:

Ætna Life; American Union; Bankers' Guarantee Fund; Boston Mutual Life Association; Connecticut Mutual; Covenant Mutual; Equitable; Equity Life Association; Fidelity Mutual; Hartford Life and Annuity; Home Life; Immediate Benefit; Life of Virginia; Manhattan; Maryland; Massachusetts Mutual; Michigan Mutual; Mutual; Mutual Benefit; Mutual of Kentucky; Mutual Reserve Fund; National Life; New York Life; Northwestern Mutual; Pacific Mutual; Penn Mutual; Phœnix Mutual; Provident Savings; Prudential; Security Trust; State Mutual; Sun Life; Travellers; Union Central; Washington; Washington of South Carolina.

Marriage to Take Place at St. James' This Afternoon.

This afternoon at St. James' Episcopal church, Mr. W. B. Thorp, one of Wilmington's popular young citizens, will lead Miss Mag Meares, daughter of Mr. Walker Meares, both of this city, to the marriage altar. Mr. A. A. Thorp, of Rocky Mount, cousin of the groom-elect, will be the best man, and Mr. J. C. Braswell, also of Rocky Mount, will be one of the attendants Both these gentlemen arrived in the city last night.

The "Cruel War Is Over."

Although contradicted by dispatches from Norfolk to several papers, the statement in the STAR of yesterday in reference to the rate war between the Southern and the Seaboard Air Line systems was correct, as is shown by the following special from Norfolk to the Richmond *Dispatch* of yesterday:

The report that the Seaboard Air Line and the Southern Railway have settled their differences is correct. Vice President and General Manager St. John is absent from the city, but the report is stated to be authentic by parties prominently connected with the line.

SMITH'S ISLAND SUIT.

Judge Purnell Decides in Favor of the Defendants—Prof. Massey Resigns.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 7.—Judge Purnell decides in the suit of the United States against T. P. Devereux, trustee, and others, involving title to Smith's island, at the mouth of Cape Fear river, in favor of Devereux.

Judge Purnell issues an order transferring all criminal cases from the circuit to the district courts. This benefits J. B. Fortune.

Prof. Massey has resigned as botanist and entomologist of the commission to exterminate insect pests.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

5,000 C. C. Nuts.
1,500 Pounds Mixed Nuts.
150 Boxes L. L. Raisins.
100 Boxes Loose Raisins.
200 Boxes Firecrackers.
400 Bags Peanuts.
100 Boxes Old Va. Cheroots.
240 Boxes Perfecto Cigars.
20 Barrels Apples.

W. B. COOPER,
Wholesale Grocer,
nov 30 DAW tf Wilmington, N. C.

A Complete and Varied
STOCK OF
Drugs, Druggists' Sundries,
CHEMICALS,
Proprietary Medicines,
Seeds for the Season, Etc., Etc.
ROBERT R. BELLAMY,
Wholesale and Retail Druggist,
no 14 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Vollers & Hashagen,
Agents for Armour & Company, Chicago, Packers. Product sold on market prices of the day. You therefore buy on Rock Bottom—no middle profit.
We respectfully ask your orders.
Vollers & Hashagen,
Also agents for Powell, Smith & Company, New York.
We Sell "Renown" Cigars,
Cuban Cigars,
Smokettes.
Topical Twist Head.
Union League Club
The Cigars Notoriously Best on the market, and smokers these days demand value for
5c Cigars.
Warehouse and office A. C. Line tracks, Nutt street, near depot.
nov 28 tf

Frank H Stedman,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Fire and Tornado Insurance.
Your business is solicited and
Satisfaction Guaranteed.
OFFICE AT
Wilmington Savings & Trust Company.
Telephone No. 162 de 3 tf

Postum Cereal.
A toothsome and healthful beverage. Looks like ground coffee. When brewed it takes the beautiful deep seal brown color of Mocha and Java, changing to a rich golden brown when cream is added. An honest product of the healthful grains given by all wise nature for man's proper sustenance. It nourishes, strengthens and vitalizes.
For sale at the
UNLUCKY CORNER.
de 7 tf

Just Received
100 Barrels Choice
New River Roe Mullets.
100 Bags Coffee, all grades.
For sale at rock bottom prices.
Send your orders to
SAM'L BEAR, Sr.,
12 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.
no 21 tf

Horses and Mules
25 Head of Horses.
25 Head of Mules.
Just received.
Call and examine. You will certainly find one to please you. Don't buy until you have seen this fresh new lot of fine stock.
F. T. MILLS,
nov 25 tf 112 and 114 North Water St.

FOR RENT.

STORE ON MARKET BETWEEN Front and Water.
Store on South Water street, between Market and Dock.
Store on North Water street between Princess and Chesnut.
Apply to
D. O'CONNOR,
no 10 tf Real Estate Agent.

Seasonable and Reasonable.
Cleaned Currants,
Seeded Raisins, Citron,
Mixed Nuts, Walnuts,
Brazils, Pecans,
Filberts, Almonds.
One price, spot cash.
THE KING GROCERY CO.,
B. F. KING, Manager,
Bell Phone 387. Fourth Street Bridge.
no 27 tf

Schedule on Wilmington Seacoast R. R
ON AND AFTER SEPT. 27th TRAINS WILL run as follows:
DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.
Leave Wilmington at 3.30 p. m., 6.30 p. m
Leave Ocean View at 8.00 a. m., and 5.00 p. m.
SUNDAY TRAINS.
Leave Wilmington at 3.30 p. m. and 6.00 p. m.
Leave Ocean View at 5.00 p. m.
R. OSCAR GRANT,
Superintendent.
sep 25 t

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 8, 1897

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President's message had been pretty correctly foreshadowed by the reports that have come from Washington from time to time. The public was well advised as to what he would say about currency reform, about Cuba and Hawaii. It is such a message as might have been expected from as unassertive a personage as Mr. McKinley, whose natural inclination is to avoid the troubled waters and seek smooth sailing.

He limits his currency reform suggestions to the recommendation that greenbacks redeemed be reissued only in exchange for gold, the object in this being to prevent the depletion of the gold reserve. But, as we understand it, the course pursued by the Treasury for several years has been to hold the greenbacks if it had any other money on hand to meet expenses. As long as there is money in the Treasury this can be carried out, but when there is a deficit it can't be without borrowing money, just as the last administration did to meet these expenses, and the country is not going to permit that while greenbacks are lying in the Treasury. The Government might as well sell bonds to keep up a gold reserve as to raise money to meet current expenses. It would be six one way and a half dozen the other. The recommendation of the President will not work until the Government's receipts exceed its expenditures, without necessitating a contraction of the currency and the issuing of more bonds, which the President seems anxious to avoid. If there were an ample volume of money in circulation and the Government had a surplus upon which to rely to meet its obligations, then this recommendation as a means of protecting the Treasury from the gold raiders would be a good one, from a business standpoint, and there would be no serious objection to it from any other standpoint.

But there is an easier way than that to protect the Treasury from the raiders and that is when the raids begin for the Government to assert its right to redeem its notes in "coin." If this right were once positively asserted in such a contingency we would see no raids, the gold in the Treasury would be safe and the "endless chain" bugaboo would frighten the financiers and statesmen no more. When an individual contracts a debt and it is stipulated in the contract that he may pay in "lawful money," using his option as to the kind in which he shall pay, and his creditor shows a disposition to take advantage of him and make him pay a kind of money that he did not agree to pay, wouldn't he, if he was a man endowed with ordinary sense, stand on his contract and compel his creditor to do the the same? A sensible individual would do that, and so would a sensible Government, and by doing so they would the more fully command the respect of the world, and even of the creditors themselves, by showing that they couldn't be buncoed. If the Government of the United States had from the first stood upon its rights, asserted them and refused to led or driven by the gold speculators, there would have been no trouble about gold reserves, no "endless chain" and no occasion now for any recommendations from Presidents on that line.

The remarks on Cuba are about what was expected and are in keeping with Mr. McKinley's unassertive course since he has come into the Presidency. He has simply been following in the wake of his predecessor and has been showing quite as much zeal to keep on friendly terms with Spain as Mr. Cleveland did. He has gone even further on this line for he has not at any time ventured on as suggestive or strong language as Mr. Cleveland did in some of his messages.

It must be said, however, to do him justice, that there has been a change of conditions in Spain and also in Cuba, a professed change in the policy which evoked a feeling of horror in this country and aroused sentiments of humanity everywhere, and more disposition shown to wage war on civilized principles while at the same time extending the olive branch to those who are willing to receive it. This, of course, removes some of the grounds of complaint, as far as this country is concerned, and perhaps entitles the Spanish Government to a reasonable time to test the effect of its new and more humane policy.

He approaches the border line of the positive when he strikes Hawaii, the annexation of which he favors, but this might have been expected, for the acquisition of those islands was a part of the Republican programme when Mr. Harrison was President. There never would have been any "revolution" there if it had not been for the aid and comfort given by the representatives of this Government and the assurances held out that the young Republic could count confidently on annexation to this Government. The revolutionists felt as sure of that when they dethroned the swarthy Queen as they could be of anything that had not been accomplished. If Mr. Harrison had remained in the Presidency a little longer, annexation would have been an accomplished fact before he went out. But as we now, under the changed conditions which we as a wise, progressive and self-protecting nation are compelled to recognize and coufront, believe annexation to be a wise policy, we are not going to quarrel with the President for recommending it. According to our view it is the best and most thoroughly American part of his message.

MINOR MENTION.

"The laborer is worthy of his hire," and labor which requires preparation and mental training and carries with it a certain amount of responsibility is surely worthy of its hire. Skilled labor should command more consideration and higher compensation than mere muscular and unskilled labor, a rule that generally applies, but does not apply to the extent it should in the case of teachers in the public schools, of this or of any other State that we know of, while it may apply to a greater extent in some States than in others. That it does not in this State is shown by the following which we find in an exchange, from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to the School Supervisor of one of our Eastern counties:

'Your maxium of $30 is too low. I never heard of any necessity of a minimum before. I refer to $12.50 as a minimum. This is a new condition. I will say that a teacher who is not worth more than $12.50 per month is not worth employing at all. You can never expect to make public schools amount to anything with $12.50 teachers. In some counties committees will strain at a gnat and swallow a camel, all at the expense of the children. They will grind down teachers to $15 and $20 (your county is the first I have heard of at $12 50) and then sign an order for a court for $30 or $40 and think they have done something smart. Away with such men to manage our schools."

Thirty dollars a month is certainly not enough for a good teacher, who has spent years in study to qualify himself or herself to teach, and $12 50 is surely too little for any one who has brains enough to enter a school house, white or black, in the capacity of teacher. Teachers of this stripe do more harm than good, for they start the children wrong, and the teacher who follows them has to spend much time in making them unlearn what they had learned. Economy is a good thing, but the economy that hires a poor teacher because he or she is cheap is the worst kind of a blunder.

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Representative Pearson, of the territory of Buncombe, has achieved the distinction of being the first of the statesmen in this Congress to enter the lists and hurl his lance against civil service. He is pulling with Senator Pritchard, also from the same territory, a little removed from the capital of Buncombe. They are not playing for buncombe either, for they have blood in their eye for the old civil service, which keeps so many of their fellows out in the cold casting hungry glances at the public crib in which other fellows are feeding and have grown fat and sleek. Of course neither of them will admit that they want to absolutely smash the thing, but only to take it to pieces and reform it, reform it so as to turn some of the other fellows out and let some of their fellows in. They will have pretty strong backing, too, for there are a good many of the henchmen still out who cannot be provided for without cutting some gaps in the civil service as it is, but they will encounter some opposition among those who believe that some sort of a civil service is a pretty good thing and that if the first assaults succeed the whole machine would soon go to smash. In the meantime we shall watch with interest the progress that statemen Pearson and Pritchard are making.

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Saturday night a worthless trifling white man, named Ryan, with whom his family had refused to live on account of his bad habits and brutality, sneakingly returned home after wandering some time in other States and meeting his wife in the front yard, threw one arm around her and shot her three times, from the effects of which she died in half an hour. He fled, but was pursued and captured after a warm chase and lodged in jail, where he remained until Monday morning, although there was an impromptu lynching party organized, which, however, listened to cooler counsels and let the law take its course. He was arraigned Monday morning, and declining counsel, put in a plea of guilty. Inside of an hour after the case was called he stood convicted on his own confession of the cold-blooded murder of his wife, the only extenuating plea offered being that he was under the influence of liquor, which is not borne out by the lively chase he led the police and others who pursued him. Having satiated his vengeance he doesn't seem to care to live, and hence put in the plea of guilty. We speak of this not, simply to note an atrocious murder, but to call attention to the promptness with which the murderer was arraigned and justice, as far as the courts can do it, done. If there was more of that, perhaps there would be less crime.

TWINKLINGS.

— Raggs—"Did you hear that noise? Sounded like an explosion." Jaggs—"So it was. The wind just blew up State street."

— Policeman—Here, you can't sleep on this corner.
Mr. Washington—Shay, come off! Plenty of room here for both of ush.

— "People are not alike, and what suits one may not please another."
"I guess that's right. What is one man's bicycle is another man's juggernaut."—*Puck*

— Tom—Why do you always call your mother "the mater?"
Dick—Any woman who could succeed in marrying off my four sisters deserves the title.—*Tit Bits*

— Sue Brette—"I never saw such a cold audience in my life."
Foot Light—"Didn't they warm up a bit?"
"Well, when they spoke of bringing out the author, I believe some of the audience got hot."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— "She has a great deal of curiosity," remarked Willie Washington.
"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "It is something extraordinary. She even opens some of the fancy-covered magazines to see what is inside!"—*Washington Star.*

— Nothing to Concuss: "Tell me, doctor," said the father of the disabled foot ball player, 'do you think it is concussion of the brain?"
"No," replied the doctor, there isn't any danger of that. It's merely a broken skull."

— Would-be Contributor—I have a poem here that I would like to read to you. (Reads it.) What would you advise me to do with it?
Editor—Get Corbett to read it to Fitzsimmons. He claims that he wants to make the latter fight again.

— Bertha—"Do you believe in love at first sight?"
Ethel—"I believe there are persons one is more likely to love before one has had time to get acquainted with them than afterward."—*Boston Transcript*

— "I wish you'd be more explicit when you're moralizing to the children," said the good wife to her husband. "You told Jimmie last night that he must never put things off till to-morrow." "Yes." "Well, the little imp went to bed with his shoes on."—*Detroit Free Press.*

CURRENT COMMENT

— The Congressman who secures an appropration for a public building will have to operate on the Appropriations Committee with a jimmy.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

— Suppose, for variety, we newspaper fellows advise the planters to raise nothing but cotton. We have tried the restriction dodge in vain. An appeal for all cotton might reduce the crop by pure cussedness.—*Augusta Cnronile, Dem.*

— And now the owners of the newly discovered mines of gilsonite and mineral rubber in Utah are preparing to ask Congress for protection. Humbug! According to the Chief of the Government Geological Survey there is enough of these minerals on the Uintah Reservation alone to give the whole world a coat an inch thick.—*New York Herald, Ind.*

— If the United States Treasury deficit of almost $46,000,000 for the fiscal year to date does not convince Congress of the necessity of either rigorous retrenchment and economy in the matter of Government expenditures or of providing additional revenue to meet extravagant appropriations, it is unlikely that anything will do so. Or if Congress should not promptly recognize that the Dingley Tariff is a disastrous failure as a revenue measure, or as a measure for the protection of domestic labor, it will fail to recognize a clearly demonstrated fact.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Ind.*

— Charlotte *Observer*: Much feeling has developed in Morgaton on account of the affairs of the suspended Piedmont Bank, Receiver Walton, appointed by Judge Hoke, is determined to hold on, and is backed by 90 per cent. of public opinion. At 9 o'clock Monday Bank Examiner Crowder appeared at the bank, supported by Adjutant General Cowles, Judge Robinson's receiver, and attempted to force himself into the bank, Walton being in possession; but Walton and his friends would not be crowded out and Walton collared Crowder, telling him to stand back; that he could come in as examiner but with no other authority. The attacking party then retired to the court house for consultation and Monday afternoon General Cowles and Attorney F. H. Busbee left for Lenoir to see Judge Greene.

APPOINTMENTS

For Visitation by the Bishop of East Carolina.

December 8, Wednesday, E P—S Barnabas, Murfreesboro.
December 9, Thursday, Communion—S Barnabas, Murfreesboro.
December 9, Thursday, E P—S John's, Winton.
December 10, Friday, Communion—S John's, Winton.
December 12, Sunday 3 in Advent, M P—Grace, Woodville.
December 13, Sunday 3 in Advent, E P—S Mark's, Roxobel.
December 16, Thursday, E P—S Thomas, Windsor.
December 17, Friday, Communion—S Thomas, Windsor.
December 19, Sunday 4th in Advent—Holy Innocents, Avoca.
December 25, Saturday, Christmas, M P—Advent, Williamston.
December 26, Sunday after Christmas—Grace, Plymouth.
Holy Communion at all morning services.
The children catechised whenever practicable.
The Vestries will please be prepared to meet the Bishop.
Offerings to be for Diocesan Missions.

Consumption Positively Cured.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: The death of Mr. Thos. Ruffin Aycock, a brother of Mr. Albert Aycock, and a most excellent citizen, occurred Friday last at his home in Pikeville township, aged about 46 years.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: Just exactly one dozen Federal prisoners were brought to jail here Monday. Seven of them were from Moore county and five were from Richmond county. There were already several moonshiners and unlicensed retailers in jail here awaiting this court.

— Enfield *Enterprise*: On last Friday morning a negro woman on Col. F. M. Parker's place near Ringwood, left her two children—ages three and five years—in a house, and on her return she found the three year old child so badly burned that it died that night.

— Newbern *Journal*: The *Journal* received word late Monday night by telephone from Reelsboro, of the drowning yesterday, in Broad creek, of Mr. Jesse B. Caton. Mr. Caton, against the protests of his wife, had taken his boat and gone up the creek after a keg of wine, and was on his return when the boat overturned and he was drowned.

— Greensboro *Telegram*: Despite the assertions of the officers of the Piedmont bank at Morganton, a telegram to State Treasurer Worth from Bank Examiner Crowder, who is in charge of the suspended Piedmont bank, says the bank is insolvent, that the notes on hand aggregate $23,406, cash on hand $1,218; real estate $6,700; due depositors $40,354.

— Warrenton *Gazette*: Mr. John Meader, whose arrest we mentioned in our last issue, is charged with using the mails for the purposes of swindling. He sent out thousands of circulars offering to sell gold watches for a dollar, and in reply got numerous dollars, but failed to send the watches, so the statement is. In default of $600 bond, he was committed to Wake jail to stand his trial at the approaching Federal court.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: This (Monday) morning Deputy Sheriff Kinlaw went to James Bradley's house on North street to serve claim and delivery papers for hogs and other articles. Bradley picked up an axe to knock down the hog pen so as to turn the animals loose, when Mr. Kinlaw ordered him to desist. Bradley turned on the officer and made a savage lunge at him with the axe, which the latter fortunately dodged. A desperate hand to hand fight ensued, which resulted in Mr. Kinlaw's overpowering the negro and securing him with handcuffs. Bradley was then brought to town and placed in jail.

— Lincoln *Journal*: Some days ago Mr. Wm. Hoyle, a prominent merchant at Waco, Cleveland county, accidentally stabbed himself in his hand with a knife. The wound was at first considered a trifling one, but news reached here yesterday that gangrene had appeared and that his case was considered hopeless. —— Capt. Geo. W. Means, the noted revenue raider, with a posse, raided in Gaston county Wednesday night and captured and destroyed three big moonshine plants. He is paying the moonshiners back, with big interest, for trying to kill him on a raid in Gaston some weeks ago. —— Revenue officers raided the Machpelah section Saturday night and captured and destroyed one of the finest moonshine plants that was ever found blockading in this section. The still was a splendid copper one with a capacity of 150 gallons, with two fine copper worms. The still, worms and 600 gallons of beer were destroyed. The moonshiners had cut out their work for a big run Sunday, but the raiders spoiled their plans.

The statements of those who have been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla prove the great merit of this medicine. Get only Hood's.

False Earthquake Predictions.

Predictions of a sensational character in regard to the weather may do little harm. The self constituted prophet outside the regular meteorological bureau is, however, always a fraud. But the man who foresees an earthquake may do a great deal of mischief. The bulletin of the American Geographical society prints this:

Professor Falb of Vienna inflicted grievous injury upon Athens in 1894 by predicting that the city would suffer severely from the earthquake on May 5. Nearly every one who could do so fled from the city, and there was indeed great suffering, caused, however, entirely by Falb, for there was no earthquake. Globus (volume 70, No. 1) says that another of his mischievous prophecies threw Valparaiso, Chile, into a sad state of terror in March, 1896. He predicted one of his "critical days" for March 29, and for several days preceding all the trains were crowded with fugitives bound for the mountains. The number of fugitives was about 7,000. There was no earthquake nor trouble of any sort except that caused by this irresponsible prophet.

The Chinese Dictionary.

The Chinese dictionary authorized by the imperial government contains 214 classes of words, of which 150 include the more important. This famous dictionary, the most ancient of any recorded in literary history, was arranged by Pa-outshe, who lived about 1100 B. C.

Disproved It.

"This is all rot about pure grit winning success."
"How so?"
"I sank a fortune in a grindstone factory."—Detroit Free Press.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach be disordered, you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys be affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alterative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. 50 cents per bottle.

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TERRA COTTA.

The Material Grows In Usefulness in the Builders' Hands.

Terra cotta has been described as the great and only lasting triumph of man over natural productions, for it will last longer than iron, stone, wood and all other materials that will succumb to fire and other destroying influences. Because it predominates in that respect and because it can be used for the protection of iron and steel, and the enrichment of brickwork and stonework of various designs, it is used extensively in these days of lofty buildings and artistic and elaborate ornamentation.

Taking into consideration only architectural terra cotta, the product is immense, and, as the process of production is interesting, it may be worth while to describe some parts of the industry that has increased so rapidly. Decorative and artistic qualities are employed in the productions, and good results cannot be obtained without careful attention, technical skill and exhaustive experiments. The composition of clay and the effect of heat must be known, and the combinations of certain colors must be determined before the plastic mass can be molded and fired. The colors of clays in the pits do not determine the colors of the finished product. A very dark clay may be white after it has been in a kiln, and a red clay may be redder. Some clays cannot be used alone for terra cotta. They require a mixture with other clays, and the requisite quantities of clays for proper production are kept secret in the business because the proportions have been ascertained after many failures. The combinations of clays and the results of firing having been determined, architects and builders take the product and employ it to the best advantage for interior or exterior work.

Sample blocks of terra cotta are furnished by the makers to the architects, and after the selection of any particular tint tons of the material with the same tint can be produced. From an architect's drawings the draftsmen at the terra cotta works copy the parts that are indicated for the use of terra cotta and develop working drawings for the modelers and moldmakers. Some architects furnish their own working drawing, with each detail indicated. Others suggest what they want, permit the artists and draftsmen to elaborate the ideas and approve the results after photographs and blue prints of the models and drawings have been submitted. It is very often the case that the modelers have more talent than the architects for producing a decorative effect in terra cotta, because certain limitations must be considered. The draftsmen also understand by experience how to place the supporting partitions of the hollow pieces. In a few instances architects have indicated large pieces of the material that could not be produced by the present process. It is difficult to make and handle a very large piece from a single design, but almost any design can be reproduced by making the piece in parts and joining them together. The weight of the clay in a large piece is often too great for its tenacity. During the drying the tenacity of the clay should enable the piece to move or travel, as the workmen say, in proportion to the shrinkage.—New York Times.

THE SULTAN AS HE IS.

A Frenchman's Vivid Description of the Ruler of Turkey.

Victor Berard, in writing on Turkey and the sultan for a Parisian review, has told some very interesting facts. For several years he was a college professor in Constantinople and knows his subject thoroughly. He blames the sultan and Russia for the Armenian massacres, and holds the sultan up to scorn as perhaps the most abject coward holding a high position in Europe.

So fearful is the sultan of dynamite that he will not allow electricity to be used in Constantinople, as it is generated by dynamos.

Here is the pen picture he draws of the sultan:

"Abdul Hamid is a gentle, shy, civil man, rather cold at a first interview, but whose manner becomes winning on better acquaintance. His temper is even, his address affable, his native intelligence above the average, but his culture is nil. The gross farces of the Turkish stage and 'penny horrible' French literature are his great delight. He has ordered the whole of 'Xavier de Montepin' to be translated for him. His piety, perhaps simulated, is narrow and superstitious, and his private life serious, and, indeed, austere. The most severe Young Turks admit that for centuries the Ottoman throne has not been occupied by a man so little sensual. Embassadors have all been charmed by Abdul Hamid, and many have not got over this pleasant impression. It is due to the extreme politeness of this autocrat, to his attention to their remarks, his apparent assent to every one of their conclusions. The proofs he gives of hard work, good will and scrupulousness appeal to even the most liberal Young Turks, Jike Murad Bey.

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Father and Mother.

The sounds most easily produced in infancy, such as pa, ma, da and the like, are generally used to signify father and mother, but it is a singular fact that what signifies father in one sometimes means mother in another. In the Georgian language, for instance, spoken in the mountains between the Caspian and Black seas, dada means mother and mama father.

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"I'm sure you don't let them interfere with your comfort."
"Not to any greater extent than I can help."
"And every one I have given was a great success."
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Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5	@	5¼
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 50
New City, each		@	1 30
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	10	@	16
Northern	18	@	26
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	44	@	45
Virginia Meal	41	@	45
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State		@	10
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	8	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen		@	17
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	25 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@	13 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	18 00	@	20 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 75	@	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	7 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	3 25	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 75
Straight		@	5 00
First Patent	5 25	@	5 50
GLUE—℔ ℔—	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White		@	45
Car load, in bags—White		@	44
Oats, from store		@	33½
Oats, Rust Proof		@	40
Cow Peas		@	55
HIDES, ℔ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1¾	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	5	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@1 25	
LUMBER(City sawed), ℔ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, " in hhds		@	26
" " " in bbls		@	28
Porto Rico, in hhds		@	26
" in bbls		@	28
Sugar-House, in hhds	13	@	14
" in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	13	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut 60d basis		@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		@	9 50
Rump		@	9 25
Prime		@	9 25
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	12
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	60
Ashton		@	
American	40	@	60
On 100 ℔ Sacks		@	40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	2 00	@	2 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	3 00	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granu'd		@	5¼
Standard A		@	5¼
White Ex. C		@	4¾
Extra C, Golden		@	4¼
C, Yellow		@	3¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	6
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	5 00	@	5 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	5 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress, sawed ℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 00
Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x30 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 20	@	2 20
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 7.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 30¼ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 29¾ cents for country casks. Tone changed to quiet at 5 p. m.

ROSIN.—Market dull at $1 15 per bbl for Strained and $1 20 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet; $1 40 per barrel for Hard, 1 90 for Yellow Dip and 1 90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm, 26½@26¾c; rosin firm, $1 45, 1 50; tar steady, $1 10; crude turpentine quiet, $1 40, 1 90, 1 80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	89
Rosin	311
Tar	170
Crude Turpentine	34

Receipts same day last year—36 casks spirits turpentine, 133 bbls rosin, 135 bbls tar, 2 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 5¾c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 15-16 cts ℔ lb
Good Ordinary	4¼ " "
Low Middling	4 15-16 " "
Middling	5¾ " "
Good Middling	5⅞ " "

Same day last year, middling 7c.

Receipts—3,705 bales; same day last year 391.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@45c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 50c; Fancy, 55c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1 60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $3 50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7—Evening.—Money on call easy at 1½@2 per cent., last loan 2 and closed offered at 1½@2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 485¾ for demand and 483½@488 for sixty days. Posted rates 483½@484 and 486½@487. Commercial bills 483. Silver certificates 59¾@60¾. Bar silver 60½. Mexican dollars 47¼. Government bonds firm; new fours, registered, 128¾; new fours, coupon, 128¾; fours, registered, 113½; fours, coupon, 114½; twos, registered, 99; fives, registered, 114¾; fives, coupon, 114¾. State bonds dull; North Carolina sixes 125; North Carolina fours 105.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine firm.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 7.—Spirits turpentine was firm at —c; sales 80 casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; quotations unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec 7.—Spirits turpentine firm at 30½c; sales 1,304 casks; receipts 1 876 casks. Rosin was firm; sales 550 barrels; receipts 5 519 barrels: A B C D $1 15, E, F $1 20, G $1 30, H $1 40, I $1 50, K $1 65, M $1 85, N $2 20, W G $2 50, W W $3 00.

COTTON MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 7—The cotton market was steady at the opening at an advance of three to four points, cables showing up in better shape than had been expected and Southern spot markets being reported as firmer. For a time business was fairly active, but outside speculative support failed to justify expectations and a bearish feeling reasserted itself, with the result of lower prices. By noon the early improvement had been lost. Traders were cautious on account of conflicting advices from English cotton-spinning centres regarding the threatened strike. In the afternoon the market ruled very quiet and without new feature, closing dull and steady, net unchanged to one point decline.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Evening.—Cotton dull; middling 5¾c.

Cotton futures opened steady at the advance and closed dull but steady, with sales of 73 400 bales; December —c; January 5 69, February 5 73, March 5 78, April 5 83, May 5 88, June 5 93, July 5 97, August 6 01, September 6 08, October 5 66.

Spot cotton closed dull; middling uplands 5¾c; middling gulf 6¼c; sales — bales.

Cotton—net receipts 2 118 bales; gross 8,996 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,997 bales; to France 481 bales; to the Continent —— bales; forwarded 749 bales; sales — bales; sales to spinners — bales; stock (actual) 87.389 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 65.887 bales; exports to Great Britain 5,356 bales; to France 13,004 bales; to the Continent —— bales; stock 1,061,306 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 186 698 bales; exports to Great Britain 61 870 bales; to France 28,693 bales; to the Continent 88 576 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 4,275,281 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,859 035 bales; exports to France 404 816 bales; exports to the Continent 1,088,976 bales.

Dec. 7.—Galveston steady at 5 7-16c, net receipts 9 103 bales; Norfolk, steady at 5¾, net receipts 4,896 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 5¾, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 5¾, net receipts 9,110 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5¾, net receipts 2,705 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 6¼, net receipts 364 bales; Savannah, quiet at 5 3 16, net receipts 12 874 bales; New Orleans, steady at 5¼, net receipts 28,995 bales; Mobile, steady at 5 3 16, net receipts 6,287

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Jews Anthropologically Considered.

We continually hear of the Israelitish race. It is spoken of as the most homogeneous of races, and the most refractory. But it is strongly diverse. Anthropologists are accustomed to divide it into two parts well distinguished — the dolichocephalic and the brachycephalic. To the first type belong the Sephardim Jews, the Spanish and Portuguese Jews, and even the larger part of the Jews of Italy and southern France. To the second belong the Askenazim Jews—that is to say, the Polish, Russian and German Jews. In Africa we find agricultural and nomadic Jews allied to the Kabyles and to the Berbers near Setif, from Guelma and Biskra to the frontiers of Marocco. They travel in caravans to Timbuktu, and some of their tribes upon the confines of the Sahara are black, as for instance the Daggatomis, as are also the Falachas Jews of Abyssinia. In India white Jews are found in Bombay and black Jews in Cochin. As to the Jews in China, they are not only allied to the Chinese who surround them, but they have even adopted their customs and the religion of Confucius. It is well known that in Italy they speak Italian, as in France they speak French and in Germany German. A language is learned and spoken by two peoples which have no other point of contact.—Monist.

Uncle Geehaw's Little Joke.

Aunt Geehaw (of Hay Corners, L. I.)—Joshuway, there's a tramp beggin fer a cold snack at the door thet says he's a cirkiss contortionist out of a job.

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I assented, for I find it pays to give a ready acquiescence to abstract propositions.

"You must marry," continued my aunt.

"I am still very young," I said meekly.

My aunt turned to my mother. "Whom shall Alfred marry? What do you say to Letitia Brownlow, or Amelia Stafforth?"

"Is she not rather"—my mother waved one hand—"and Alfred is so slim."

"I think she has a very fine figure," responded my aunt. "Or there is Gertrude Williams. She will have a fortune if she outlives her sisters."

"There are only five of them," I said hopefully.

"Or Mabel Gordon?"

"No, none of these," I cried decisively.

My aunt looked offended. "Very well, then; choose for yourself," she said tartly.

"Perhaps that would help," I remarked thoughtfully.

"Well," said my aunt impatiently after a short pause. "whom do you suggest?"

I thought for a moment.

"What do you say to Winifred Fraser?"

"That minx!" cried my aunt.

"Oh, Alfred!" echoed my mother.

"Why not?" I asked.

"Such a dreadful family!" said my mother.

"So fast!" interjected my aunt.

"But have you never noticed the sun on her hair?" I asked innocently.

My aunt drew herself up.

"We have not noticed the sun on her hair," she said with much dignity, "nor do we wish to observe the sun on her hair."

I was justly annoyed. "I really think it must be Winifred Fraser," I said. "She is very fond of me, and"—

"How can you be so cruel to me?" cried my mother. "Have you noticed how gray my hair is getting? You will not have me long." She drew out her handkerchief.

"You will come to a bad end," said my aunt. "I always thought you were depraved. If you marry that painted hussy, you must not expect my countenance."

"Under the circumstances, I will not marry Winifred Fraser," I said with great magnanimity, for I did not particularly want my aunt's countenance.

My aunt sniffed. "You had better not."

"I merely joked," I said soothingly, remembering she had not made her will.

"Indeed!"

"The truth is"—I dropped my voice—"I am in love with some one else."

"And you never told me," said my mother reproachfully.

"The girl I love is not free."

"Married!" cried my aunt.

"Not married—but engaged."

"Who is it?" asked my mother gently.

I was silent for a moment, and then I sighed.

"It is Constance Burleigh."

"It would have been a most suitable match," murmured my mother.

"Very suitable," repeated my aunt.

There was a momentary silence, broken by my aunt.

"I did not know Constance was engaged."

"It is a secret. You must not repeat what I have told you."

"I don't like these secret engagements," said my aunt brusquely. "Who told you?"

"She told me herself."

"Who is the man?"

"I do not think I should repeat his name."

"I hope Constance is not throwing herself away."

I shook my head doubtfully.

"You know the man?"

I nodded.

"Is he quite—quite"—

Again I shook my head doubtfully.

"What have you heard?" my aunt asked eagerly.

"I don't think I ought to repeat these things."

"You can surely trust your mother," murmured my mother.

"And my discretion," said my aunt.

"Well," I said, "I have been told he is cruel to his mother."

"Really!" cried the two ladies in a breath.

"His mother told me so herself."

"How sad!" said my mother.

"And what else?" asked my aunt

"Another relation of his told me he was depraved."

"Poor, poor Constance!" whispered my mother.

"And would probably end badly."

"I expect he drinks," said my aunt grimly.

"Does Constance know this?" asked my mother.

"I don't think so."

"You did not tell her?"

"Of course not."

"I consider it your duty to."

"I really cannot."

"Then I will," said my aunt resolutely.

"What I have said has been in confidence."

"I do not care."

"I beg you not to do so."

"It is my duty. I am too fond of Constance to allow her to throw herself away on this worthless man."

I shrugged my shoulders. "Do as you please, but don't mention my name. By the way, Constance said she would probably call this afternoon."

At that moment the bell rang.

"That may be she," said my aunt, flying to the window. "It is."

I got up slowly and sauntered into the conservatory, which adjoins the drawing room. From behind a friendly palm I could see without being seen. I saw my aunt look toward my mother.

"If we open her eyes," I heard her whisper, "it may pave the way for Alfred."

My mother said nothing, but I saw the same hope shine from her eyes.

The door opened, and the servant announced Constance. She came forward with a little eager rush, then stopped short, embarrassed by the want of reciprocity.

"We are glad to see you," said my mother, and kissed her.

My aunt came forward. "We were just speaking of you," she said solemnly. "Sit down."

Constance looked a little crushed. "I thought Alfred would have told you," she murmured.

"We have heard"— began my aunt.

"Hush," interposed my mother. "Come nearer me, Constance. Won't you take off your hat?"

Constance came and sat by her side. "I was anxious to come and tell you that—that"—

"If you are alluding to your engagement," said my aunt somewhat severely, "we have already heard of it."

"You have heard!" cried Constance.

"With the deepest sorrow."

Constance drew herself up.

"You do not approve?" she asked proudly.

"We love you too much," said my mother gently.

Constance looked bewildered.

"You are too good for the wretch," cried my aunt.

"What! Oh, what do you mean?" exclaimed Constance.

"If you marry this man," continued my aunt vigorously, "you will regret it."

My mother took her hand. "My sister should not tell you this so suddenly."

"It is my duty to speak, and I will," cried my aunt. "I will not let Constance unite herself to this man with her eyes closed."

"What have you against him?" demanded Constance, a red spot beginning to burn in each cheek.

"He drinks," answered my aunt almost triumphantly.

Constance sank back in the cushions. "I don't believe it," she said faintly.

"He ill treats his mother—beats her, I believe," continued my aunt.

"This cannot be true," cried Constance. "Mrs. Granville, tell me."

My mother nodded sadly.

"Alas! I cannot deny it."

Constance rose. "This is awful!" she said, holding on to the back of the sofa. "I could never have believed it." She put her hand to her forehead. "It is like a bad dream."

"My poor, dear Constance," murmured my mother, rising and putting her arms round her.

My aunt brought up her artillery. "He is thoroughly depraved and will come to a bad end. His relations are at one on this point."

Constance buried her face in my mother's bosom. "Oh, dear; oh, dear! And I love him so!" she sobbed.

In the adjoining room I was becoming uncomfortable.

"We thought it right to tell you," said my aunt, moved by her tears, "though Alfred begged and implored us not to."

"I could never, never have believed it," sobbed Constance. "Poor, poor Mrs. Granville!"

My mother soothed her.

"How difficult you must have felt it to tell me this!" exclaimed Constance, drying her tears. "It was so good of you. I will not give him another thought. To treat his mother so cruelly! Oh, Mrs. Granville, I am so sorry for you!"

"It is I who am sorry for you," said my mother doubtfully.

"And no one would have dreamed it. We always thought you were so fond of him and spoiled him so utterly. And all the time you were hiding your sorrow. How noble of you!"

My mother looked at Aunt Tabitha, who returned her stare.

"Who ever is it?" said Aunt Tabitha, whispering. "Find out."

"Where did you meet him, dearest?" whispered my mother.

"Meet him? Why, here, of course," said Constance, with opening eyes.

"Yes, yes, of course," said my mother, mystified.

"I thought you would be so pleased, and I hurried across to tell you."

"Can Alfred have made a mistake?" muttered my aunt hoarsely.

The two elder ladies stood still in the utmost embarrassment.

"I shall never be happy again," said Constance mournfully.

"Don't say that," implored my mother. "Perhaps there is a mistake."

"How can there be a mistake?" asked Constance, raising her head.

"There can be no mistake," said my aunt hastily.

"How could he be cruel to you?" cried Constance, kissing my mother.

"Cruel to me!" cried my mother.

"You said he was cruel to you."

"Of whom are you speaking?" cried both ladies.

"Of Alfred, of course."

The two elder ladies sat down suddenly.

"You are not engaged to Alfred?" they gasped simultaneously.

"To whom else?" said Constance in amazement.

"There is some misunderstanding," I observed smoothly, coming in at the moment.

The three fell upon me together.

It took at least an hour to explain. Yet I had said nothing which was not strictly true.

"You will not allow these practical jokes when you are married, will you, Conny?" said my mother fondly.

"I will not," replied Constance, tightening her lips.

"Marriage is the saving of a young man," repeated my aunt grimly.—Chambers' Journal.

GRANT AS A WRITER.

His Style Was Vigorous and Terse, With Little Ornament.

General Horace Porter in "Campaigning With Grant" in The Century expresses the following opinion of Grant as a writer: His powers of concentration of thought were often shown by the circumstances under which he wrote. Nothing that went on around him, upon the field or in his quarters, could distract his attention or interrupt him. Sometimes, when his tent was filled with officers talking and laughing at the top of their voices, he would turn to his table and write the most important communications. There would then be an immediate "Hush!" and abundant excuses offered by the company, but he always insisted upon the conversation going on, and after awhile his officers came to understand his wishes in this respect, to learn that noise was apparently a stimulus rather than a check to his flow of ideas, and to realize that nothing short of a general attack along the whole line could divert his thoughts from the subject upon which his mind was concentrated.

In writing his style was vigorous and terse, with little of ornament. Its most conspicuous characteristic was perspicuity. General Meade's chief of staff once said, "There is one striking feature about Grant's orders—no matter how hurriedly he may write them on the field, no one ever has the slightest doubt as to their meaning or ever has to read them over a second time to understand them." The general used Anglo-Saxon words much more frequently than those derived from the Greek and Latin tongues. He had studied French at West Point and picked up some knowledge of Spanish during the Mexican war, but he could not hold a conversation in either language, and rarely employed a foreign word in any of his writings. His adjectives were few and well chosen. No document which ever came from his hands was in the least degree pretentious. He never laid claim to any knowledge he did not possess and seemed to feel, with Addison, that "pedantry in learning is like hypocrisy in religion—a form of knowledge without the power of it."

He rarely indulged in metaphor, but when he did employ a figure of speech it was always expressive and graphic, as when he spoke of the commander at Bermuda Hundred being "in a bottle strongly corked" or referred to our armies at one time as moving "like horses in a balky team, no two ever pulling together." His style inclined to the epigrammatic without his being aware of it. There was scarcely a document written by him from which brief sentences could not be selected fit to be set in mottos or placed upon transparencies. As examples may be mentioned: "I propose to move immediately upon your works," "I shall take no backward steps," the famous "I propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer," and, later in his career, "Let us have peace," "The best means of securing the repeal of an obnoxious law is its vigorous enforcement," "I shall have no policy to enforce against the will of the people" and "Let no guilty man escape."

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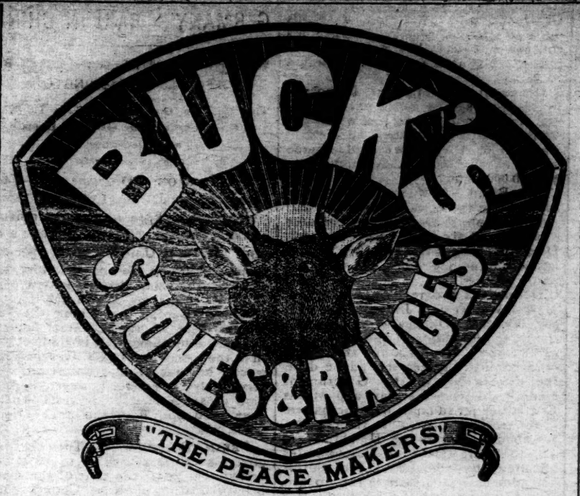

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Leave Greensboro	4 50 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 17 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 47 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 15 "
Arrive Mt Airy	7 45 "

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Leave Mt Airy	8 40 a m
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 38 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 15 p m
Leave Climax	12 43 "
Leave Sanford	2 35 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 56 "
Arrive Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 30 "

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Arrive Maxton	9 02 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 15 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 20 "
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Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

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Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

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DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 0.4 a m, Rocky Mount 11.57 p m, Weldon 1 47 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.05 a m, Richmond 4.00 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.25 a m, New York 1.03 p m, Boston 9.00 p m.

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Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 p m, Sunday, 4 05 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m and 6 p m. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 a m, and Sunday 9 a m. Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m and 11 a m.

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Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 11.50 a m, arrive Conway 2.10 p m, leave Conway 2 45 p m, Chadbourn 5.45 p m, arrive Hub 6.25

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CAR-COUPLER ACT.

Railroads Allowed Two Years in Which to Comply with Requirements of the Law.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 7.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission has decided to extend for two years the period within which railroads must comply with the act of Congress requiring all railroads to be equipped with safety appliances for the protection of the employes and passengers.

The commission this afternoon authorized the following statement:

"In the matter of the application of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company and other carriers, to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, to extend the period within which they shall comply with the provisions of the act of March 2d, 1893, commonly known as the safety appliance act, upon which hearing has been had, the Commission has decided upon causes shown to extend said period two years for the petitioning carriers.

"While the formal order and statement of facts and reasons constituting causes for such extension have not yet been prepared, it is understood that the extension will not be conditional, and that the commission has under consideration the question of requiring quarterly or other periodical reports of progress by each carrier during the two years period."

Last week the commission gave several hearings to railroad men and labor leaders on this question, the railroads asking five years' extension and the labor leaders urging that an extension of one year should be sufficient.

GOVERNMENT DRY DOCKS.

Bill Introduced in the Senate to Increase the Naval Establishment.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON December 7—Mr. Hale introduced in the Senate to-day bills providing for the construction of dry docks at Portsmouth, N. H; Boston, Mass.; Algiers, La., and Mare Island, California, and for the enlargement of the Brooklyn, League Island and Norfolk docks, the appropriation for Portsmouth being $1 000 000; Boston, $1 350,000; Algiers, $500,000; Mare Island, $500,000; Brooklyn, $286 556; League Island, $286,556 and for Norfolk $160,000

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AT HIS MOTHER'S BEDSIDE.

The President and Mrs. McKinley Arrived Yesterday at Canton, Ohio.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CANTON, December 7.—Once more the children of Nancy Allison McKinley have gathered about her couch and the reunion is complete. The President and Mrs McKinley arrived to day to find their mother still living. Together with other relatives from the East they came early in the morning, the latter part of the journey being made on a special train. They were taken to the homestead as rapidly as possible and as they entered the sick room the dying woman rallied and for a moment plainly evidenced her recognition of her son and others about her.

The President has remained almost constantly at the bedside since his arrival and kept to-night's vigil, relieving others of the children who have been so constantly at the bedside. He remained close to the house all day, going out only for a little air and exercise, taking a walk near the house.

CANTON, O., December 7.—At 11.30 Mother McKinley was still resting easily. Dr. Phillips at his last visit reported that she was resting easier than at any time during the day and the morning would see her alive.

FAVORABLE REPORT MADE

For Payment of All Claims for Use of Church and School Buildings During the War.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 7.—The House Committee on War Claims has made a favorable report on the bill to authorize the Secretary of War to investigate and provide for the payment of all claims for the use and occupation of church and school buildings and grounds for government purposes by the United States military authorities during the war, and for damages accruing thereby to furnishings or material in such buildings. Claims of this character before the committee aggregate $395,736. The committee reported that $400 000 would pay all meritorious claims of this nature. As there are many such claims pending before Congress, the committee endorses the provision for a tribunal for their investigation and determination.

SIEGFRIED GRUNER.

Death of One of the Largest Operators in the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 7.—The death of Siegfried Gruner was announced on the Cotton Exchange here to day. Mr. Gruner was senior member of the cotton brokerage firm of Gruner & Co and one of the largest operators in the cotton market. It is reported that he made about a million dollars in the recent decline in cotton. Mr Gruner was several times elected president of the New York Cotton Exchange and at one time was a heavy operator on the Coffee Exchange. He died at Richmond, Va., while on his way North.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

Trading on a Limited Basis—Lower Prices to be Made on Staple Cottons.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 7.—Reports of lower prices to be made in staple cottons are the feature of the dry goods market to-day. Up to the close, however, there has been none reported, but the feeling is strong among dealers that this will be done in the near future. At least one prominent agent has signified his intention to give a lower price for a staple bleached goods and this will probably cause a decline all along the line. In the meantime reports show that trading is on a limited basis, both by mail and in store trading.

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DEBATE IN THE HOUSE.

A LIVELY SKIRMISH OVER THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The Issue as to Jurisdiction of the Currency Problem as Between the Ways and Means and the Banking and Currency Committees.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, December 7.—A new member in Mr. H. D. Money, of Mississippi, was introduced in the Senate to-day and after some brief criticism of the form of his credentials the oath of office was administered to him. Mr. Money was assigned to the seat formerly occupied by Mr. Daniel, of Virginia, the latter securing the seat in the Democratic side, which was occupied by the late Senator George.

During the session 108 bills, many of which were private pension measures, were introduced in addition to several joint resolutions and some Senate resolutions.

Mr. Morrill, the venerable Senator from Vermont, had the distinction of introducing the first bill, providing for the gilding of the statue of Liberty on the dome of the Capitol.

Mr. Turpie, of Indiana, asked that at 8 o'clock Friday, December 17th, exercises be held in memory of the Hon. Wm S. Holman, late a Representative in Congress from Indiana. The order was made.

Mr. Tillman presented a resolution, which was adopted, fixing Tuesday, January 18.n, at 2 p m, as a time for memorial services for the late Jos. S. Earl, a Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, secured the passage of a resolution calling upon the Inter-State Commerce Commission to furnish the Senate a list of the railroad companies which have complied wholly, in part or not at all, with the law of Congress providing that safety appliances be affixed to railroad cars. The resolution also calls for the total number of persons killed by the railroads during the past year.

An interesting contest for precedence in consideration between Mr. Lodge's immigration bill and the proposed legislation to confer authority upon the President to act for the protection of the Government's interest at the sale of the Kansas Pacific railroad was pending at the close of the session. The probability is that it will be amicably arranged before the Senate convenes to-morrow. Pending the consideration of the Immigration and Kansas Pacific matter Mr. Carter of Montana, chairman of the Census Committee, requested that the measure providing for the Federal census of 1900 reported to the Senate at the last session be re-committed to the committee. To this Mr. Chandler, the author of the bill, objected, but after some explanation by Mr. Carter, the bill was recommitted as requested.

The Senate at 1.35 adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The session of the House to-day, though it lasted but two hours, witnessed a very lively skirmish over the question of distributing the President's message to the various committees clothed with jurisdiction over the subjects dealt with. The conflict of authority came between the Ways and Means Committee and the Banking and Currency Committee. During the debate General Grosvenor, of Ohio, fired the first gun against the civil service law and this also brought the friends and enemies of that measure into action. It was noticeable that the galleries seemed to sympathize with the opponents of the measure.

Mr. Dingley, from the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a resolution adopted by the committee for the distribution of the President's message to the several committees having jurisdiction of the various subjects treated. Mr. Walker of Massachusetts, Republican, chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, asked for a re-reading of that portion of the resolution giving the Ways and Means Committee jurisdiction of all the portions relating to the revenues, the national finances, the public debt and the preservation of the public credit.

A very considerable debate followed upon what the language of the resolution meant, and the issue as to jurisdiction of the currency problem as between the Ways and Means and the Banking and Currency committees was sharply raised.

Before the debate, which lasted over an hour, had been concluded, the House was plunged into a debate on the currency problem. Mr. Walker, after the re-reading of the resolution, asked with some heat what was left to his committee. Mr. Dingley replied suavely that all matters relating to banking and currency under the resolution would go to the Banking and Currency Committee. It becoming apparent that debate would be required to dispose of the question at issue, Mr. Dingley and Mr. Bailey arranged for thirty minutes on a side.

Mr. Walker then got the floor and in dignantly protested that if the questions relating to our legal tender money, which lay at the very foundation of our currency and banking laws, were to come under the jurisdiction of the Ways and Means Committee, the Committee on Banking and Currency might as well be dissolved. He avowed that in the last Congress his committee had been steadily disregarded. His members had cooled their heels in the Speaker's lobby, he said, and when at last they were allowed to bring in a bill the previous question had been demanded without permission for debate and he had been allowed to address the House only by unanimous consent.

Mr. Cox of Tennessee, the senior Democratic member of the Currency Committee, seconded the protest of Mr. Walker. The President's recommendations as to National bank circulation, he said, were inextricably interwoven with the proposition to retire the greenbacks If the Banking and Currency Committee was to do anything he submitted that its hands should not be tied.

Mr. Wheeler of Alabama, Democrat, at this point got the floor and used a few minutes in a plea for a Government armor plate plant in Alabama. He was followed by Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio, Republican, who diverted the whole course of the debate by an attack on the Civil Service law, which was several times enthusiastically applauded both by members on the floor and spectators in the galleries. Mr. Grosvenor declared that he had kept in touch with the sentiment of the country and that if the question were submitted to the people west of the Alleghany mountains it would be buried under their overwhelming condemnation.

Mr. Bailey of Texas, Democrat, commended Mr. Grosvenor's utterances against building up an office-holding class in this country—a doctrine, he said, which was almost literally embodied in the Chicago platform [Democratic applause]

"That is the only good feature of that platform," ejaculated Mr. Steele of Indiana, Republican, amid laughter on the Republican side.

"I am glad to relieve the other side of the charge of total depravity," retorted Mr. Bailey to this thrust.

Mr. Wheeler of Kentucky, Democrat avowed himself a spoilsman in sympathy with the proposition to repeal the law, and Mr. Fitzgerald of Massachusetts, Democrat, chided the Republicans for their attempt to break down the law.

Mr. Johnson of Indiana, Republican, after some opening remarks about the stupendous folly of appointing a bimetallic commission to roll over Europe made a strong speech in defence of the Civil Service law. He charged General Grosvenor with being derelict to his duty as a Republican, and warned his colleagues that if they put through a bill in antagonism to the law it would be vetoed.

Mr. Cochran of Missouri, Democrat, in a satirical speech, spoke of the injustice of turning over a subject which Mr. Walker had freely admitted he knew all about, to Mr. Dingley, who had fathered a tariff bill that had already produced a $40.000 000 deficit.

Mr. Bland of Missouri, Democrat, averred that it was well understood that nothing would be done with the currency problem, and Mr. Bodine of Missouri, Democrat, alleged that the Civil Service law was a humbug which the West and South opposed.

During the progress of the debate Messrs. Walker and Johnson had consulted with Mr. Dingley and a modification of the resolution of distribution was agreed upon. It struck out the words "the national finances, the public debt, the preservation of the Government credit," and gave the Ways and Means Committee jurisdiction over all matters in the message relating "to the revenue, the bonded debt of the United States and to the treaties of the United States affecting the revenue." When this amendment was presented the opposition withdrew and the resolution was adopted without division.

The House then at 2 o'clock adjourned.

After the session Chairman Walker claimed he had won a decisive victory and that his committee under the order, would have jurisdiction of a measure to as he expressed it, "convert the greenbacks into good certificates," but members of the Ways and Means Committee insisted that the changes of verbiage in the order would not affect their jurisdiction, and that a measure such as the President suggested, if introduced in the House, would be referred by the Speaker to their committee.

GERMANY AND HAYTI.

The Trouble Appears to be Settled—Haytians Saluted the German Flag.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PORT AU PRINCE, December 7.—The trouble between Germany and Hayti appears to be settled. The Haytian Government has saluted the German flag and the foreigners who had sought refuge on board ships in this harbor, have returned to their homes.

WASHINGTON, December 7.—The State Department has received advices which go to confirm the accuracy in general of the reports that come from Port-au Prince as to the settlement of the difficulty between Germany and Hayti by the retreat of the lattter from her position. The department however does not intend to make the cablegram public.

PORT AU PRINCE, Dec. 7.—Comte Schwerin, the German charge d'affaires, and the Comtesse debarked this morning, escorted by the officers of the Charlotte.

The ultimatum, whose terms were accepted in full yesterday, imposes the following conditions: An indemnity of $30 000 to Herr Lueders; the return of Herr Lueders to Hayti under the guarantee of the government; an official expression to the German Government of the regret of the Haytian Government, and the reception of Comte Schwerin by President Tiresias Simon Sam.

Had the ultimatum not been complied with the bombardment would have commenced at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Since yesterday there have been in the roadstead two German steamers, a French steamer, the German frigates Charlotte and Stein, and the French cruiser Admiral Rigault de Genouilly.

Although there has been no fresh disturbances in the city, all precautions have been taken to guarantee order. But the government is dumb.

SIX DAYS BICYCLE RACE.

Seven Thousand Persons Watching the Riders in Madison Square Garden.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 7.—Miller was far advanced into his ninth hundred miles at midnight to-night in the six days bicycle race. Waller's star had faded before the dawn and his record-breaking performance of yesterday in Madison Square Garden was forgotten in the astonishing achievements of Miller, Stephane and Rice. Waller is now far down in the list of the eighteen stayers out of the thirty-six that started.

Seven thousand persons sat to-night for hours watching the riders reeling around the rim of the great saucer. The weary figures however, were indifferent to the cheers that greeted them at every occasional burst of speed, but continued to grind around, looking neither to the right nor the left.

PETROLEUM AS FUEL.

Navy Department Favorably Impressed With Results of Experiments at the New York Navy Yard.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 7.—The Navy Department has been so favorably impressed with the result of the experiments made at the New York navy yard with petroleum as fuel for small boats that it has given orders for a trial on a larger scale of two distinct systems The torpedo boat Stiletto, at the New York navy yard, is to be fitted up with a system of burners through which the oil is fed into the furnace by blasts of compressed air. At the Norfork navy-yard a corresponding craft is be fitted with a system which uses a steam blast to vaporize and burn the oil, and a comparative test will be made of the two methods.

THE SPANISH CABINET.

Ministers Agree in Considering President McKinley's Message Favorable to Spain's Interests.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, December 7.—The cabinet to-day considered dispatches from Senor de Lome, Spanish minister at Washington, containing extracts from President McKinley's message to Congress.

The ministers agreed in considering the message generally favorable to Spanish interests. Its tone has produced a good effect in official circles; but it is pointed out that "the paragraphs relating to the alleged right of the United States to intervine in the Cuban question are calculated to displease the Spanish people."

LYNCHING IN NEVADA.

A Murderer Taken from Jail and Hanged by a Mob.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CARSON, December 7.—Abram Uoer, who killed Hans Anderson at Gardnerville last week, was taken from the Genoa jail to-day, stripped of his clothing and hanged. His body was riddled with bullets by an angry mob of twenty-five men supposed to be from Gardnerville.

Schooner Roger Moore, for Wilmington, passed out at Tybee, Ga., yesterday.

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GERMANY'S RAID IN CHINA

WATCHED WITH KEEN INTEREST BY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON.

The Chinese Government Says It Will Never Consent to the Germans Remaining at Kiao-Chou Bay.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, December 7.—The German advance in China is being watched with keen interest in official and diplomatic circles here. While it is said that the United States has no direct concern in the trouble, every development is being observed, as a part of the process by which the larger nations of Europe are seeking the dismemberment of the Chinese empire. In such a movement, it is understood that the position of this Government would be that of a disinterested observer, always active, however, to protect those American interests which have been built up at the large treaty ports.

PEKIN, December 7.—The Chinese government has caused it to be made known that up to the time of the German occupation of Kiao Chou bay no claim was made by Germany for reparation as a result of the murder of two missionaries—Nies and Hennie—and that there were no other differences between the two governments. Consequently the government of China points out that the missionary question is regarded as a pretext to obtain a naval station which, it is shown, Germany has long coveted. The Chinese Government, it is said in conclusion, will never consent to the Germans remaining at Kiao Chou bay, as their presence there deprive China of a harbor which, since the war with Japan, has been the most suitable base of operations.

BERLIN, December 7.—Emperor William has ordered the number of volunteers for the China expedition to be increased to 1 000 men.

LONDON, December 8.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says: "On Friday last Captain Becker, with 210 German marines, left Kiao Chou to occupy the surrounding villages, whence they proceeded to capture the city. The Chinese forts opened fire, and the Germans replied, killing three of the garrison, which thereupon fled in disorder.

"The Chinese general in command was captured, but afterward liberated. Several German sailors were injured by stones flung by the inhabitants of the villages. In return for this, the head men of these villages were beaten with bamboo sticks by order of the German commander.

"It is reported here that China is willing to pay an indemnity of 1 000,000 taels (about $781.250) and to grant all the German demands, including the temporary cession of Kiao Chou bay and adjoining territories."

A dispatch to the *Times* from Pekin confirms the report that China, hoping for the evacuation of Kiao-Chou, agrees unconditionally to all the demands of Germany.

BERLIN, December 7.—Dr. Stuebel, the German Consul at Shanghai, has been ordered to go to Kiao-Chou and establish a regular German administration.

WARM WHEELETS

Charles Burgess was electrocuted at the prison in Auburn, N. Y., yesterday for the murder of Henry V. Whitlock in August, 1895.

Anti Semitic riots have occurred at Pribra, Bohemia. The windows of the synagogue and of houses inhabited by Jews have been smashed by mobs.

Judge Horace R. Buck, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Montana, shot and killed himself. He was 44 years old, a native of Vicksburg, Miss., and a graduate of Yale.

No progress was made yesterday in the selection of a jury to try Luetgert in Chicago, and there is no immediate prospect that the full number of men will be secured.

Senator Davis, chairman of the Senate committee on Foreign Relations, said yesterday that he would to day ask the Senate to take up the Hawaiian annexation treaty.

The following fourth class postmasters were appointed yesterday in North Carolina: Berea, J. T. Murray; Emit, D. W. Glover; Falls, Z. Fourville; Hargrove, J. D. Allen; Peachtree, A. F. Johnson.

Yesterday afternoon the boiler in the power house of the Citizens Electric Light and Power Company in Portsmouth, Va., exploded, killing fireman Benjamin Dennis and fatally wounding Joe Smith.

A dispatch from Fall River says: A large percentage of the cotton manufacturers here are in favor of reducing the wages of their employes as one method of contributing to relief of the situation.

Senator Butler yesterday introduced an amendment to the Postal Savings Bank bill providing for the introduction of savings banks, at the beginning, in first second and third class postoffices only.

The sub committee on pensions of the House Committee on Appropriations agreed upon the Pension Appropriation bill and will report it to the full committee to-day. The bill carries a total of $141 218 880.

The employers in the cotton trade at Manchester, Eng., have abandoned their demand for a 5 per cent. reduction in wages, many firms being disinclined to enforce it. The operatives are thus victorious in the struggle.

John W. Sims committed suicide in San Francisco by shooting himself. He left a note saying that he had killed his wife at Caldwell, N. C., June 20th, 1895, and that he had been sent to the Morgantoa insane asylum shortly afterward but subsequently made his escape.

Samuel Crabtree, a convict, at Frankfort, Ky., confesses that four years ago he murdered his two cousins, William Short and Toney Rice, in Lawrence county. He incriminates David Dean, David Williamson and Dollie Frazier, all of whom were tried for the murder and acquitted.

A Queen's Pocket Pistol.

There is a large old gun on Dover heights popularly known as "Queen Elizabeth's pocket pistol." It was cast at Utrecht in 1544 and was presented by the states general to Queen Elizabeth. It is 24 feet long and finely ornamented with figures in bas-relief.

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